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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Town of Atkinson, N. H.

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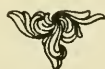
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TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator

Harry B. Tuttle

Board of Selectmen

Robert S. Hotchkiss	Term Expires 1950
Thomas C. Duffey	Term Expires 1949
Leroy D. Barnum	Term Expires 1948

Town Clerk and Town Treasurer

Ruth L. Sawyer

Tax Collector

Harry B. Tuttle

Ballot Inspectors

Burton C. Pettengill	Flora Currier
Kae Duerstling	Etta L. Nye

Supervisors of the Check List

Leslie Rockwell	Frank Bailey
L. Edna Wright	

Constable

Wilbur Moody

Police Officers

Henry L. Nye, Chief of Police

Wilbur Moody (Dog Officer)	Jessie T. Fuller, Jr.
Benjamin W. Lake	Walter S. Brock

Edgar Smith

Highway Agent

Burton C. Pettengill

Sexton

Burton C. Pettengill

Trustees of Trust Funds

Arthur H. Sawyer	Term Expires 1950
Benjamin O. Wood	Term Expires 1949
Oscar P. Little	Term Expires 1948

Library Trustees

Robert S. Hotchkiss	Term Expires 1950
Arthur Ploude	Term Expires 1949
Gladys Dyke	Term Expires 1948

Auditors

Harlon C. Dyke	Philo Hutcheson
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Health Officer

Milton P. Wood

Building Inspector

Ward W. Wright

Fire Department

Telephone 255-22

Clarence Kinney, Chief

Telephone 974-4

Harold Robertson, Asst. Chief

Glayton Gould, Pres.	Robert Griffin, Sec. and Treas.
Robert Bailey	Milton Pressey
Leroy Barnum	Elgin Reynolds
Fred Biskup	Howard Richards, Jr
Elmer Conley	Leslie Rockwell
Robert Hotchkiss	David Rockwell
Oscar Little	Roger Sawyer
Wilbur Moody	Wilfred Senter
Donald Nye	Halbert Swift
Carl Noyes	E. C. Duerstling
Arthur Ploude	Warren Kolb

Omar Comeau

Surveyors of Wood and Lumber

Fred P. Wright	George H. Mason	Elmer E. Conley
John H. Smith	Burton C. Pettengill	

Field Driver

Henry L. Nye

Fence Viewers

Oscar P. Little	Henry L. Nye
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TOWN OF ATKINSON

TOWN WARRANT

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the Town of Atkinson, in the County of Rockingham, in said State, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at Grange Hall, in said Atkinson on Tuesday, the ninth day of March next at ten o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following subjects:

Article 1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

Article 2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriation of the same.

Article 3. To raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 (three hundred dollars) for rent of Grange Hall for use of Town and School purposes including Atkinson Academy.

Article 4. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 (one hundred dollars) for rent of Grange Hall for ensuing year for community, recreational and educational meetings to be held under the following conditions: (a) no meeting to be over 4 hours duration; (b) meetings not to exceed 3 per month, except under special circumstances; (c) paid entertainments sponsored by the aforesaid groups to be charged for at the rate of \$4.00 per meeting to be paid for by the groups to the Atkinson Grange Hall Committee; (d) all arrangements for meetings to be approved by the Selectmen and the Hall Janitor; (e) the meetings to be properly chaperoned.

Article 5. To raise and appropriate the sum of \$150.00 (one hundred and fifty dollars) which includes the amount required by law for Kimball Public Library.

Article 6. To raise and appropriate the sum of \$350.00 (three hundred fifty dollars) to repair the chimney and well at Kimball Public Library.

Article 7. To raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 (one thousand dollars) to pay Note No. 79 for Maple Ave. and Poor's Hill.

Article 8. To raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 (twenty five hundred dollars) to resurface tar roads.

Article 9. To raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 (three hundred dollars) to pay for snow plow.

Article 10. To see if the town will vote to raise the Town Clerk and Treasurer salary from \$125.00 (one hundred and twenty-five dollars) to \$200.00 (two hundred dollars) and make appropriation for the same.

Article 11. To raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 (five hundred dollars) to tar Conley Grove Road to East and West fork. By request.

Article 12. By request: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$350.00 (three hundred and fifty dollars) to tar Greenough Road.

Article 13. To raise and appropriate the sum of \$10.00 (ten dollars) for council of towns.

Article 14. To see if the town will vote to transfer their tax liens for the years 1945 and 1946 on the George R. Kendrick property to Lillian R. Brock.

Article 15. To see if the town will vote to transfer their tax liens for the year 1946 on the Kenneth Morrison property known as the Edith Gordan land to Lillian R. Brock.

Article 16. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to distribute the blank inventories at the time they examine and appraise the property to be taxed.

Article 17. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen to hire such sums of money as the town will need in anticipation of taxes.

Article 18. To see if the town will vote to give a discount on present year's taxes of two percent (2%) if paid before August 1, 1948.

Article 19. To see if the town will vote to accept the following sums of money for perpetual care. The interest to be used in the care of these lots in the cemetery in Atkinson, N. H.

Samuel Smith Cemetery Fund	\$100.00
Cyrus Dinsmore, Cemetery Fund	300.00
George P. Dow, Cemetery Fund	500.00
Ida M. Perkins, Cemetery Fund	100.00
George M. Wason, Cemetery Fund	300.00

Article 20. To hear reports of Town Officers and Committees, act on same and transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Business meeting will be adjourned until Saturday evening, March 13, 1948.

Given under our hands and seal, this ninth day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and forty-seven.8

LEROY D. BARNUM,
THOMAS C. DUFFEY,
ROBERT S. HOTCHKISS,

Selectmen of Atkinson, N. H.

ATTEST—A true copy of Warrant:

RUTH L. SAWYER,

Town Clerk

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF ATKINSON, N. H.

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year January 1, 1948 to December 31, 1948, Compared with Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations and Expenditures of the Previous Year January 1, 1947 to December 31, 1947.

SOURCES OF REVENUE

	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1947	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1947	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1948
From State:			
Interest and Dividends Tax	\$233.72	\$185.46	\$185.00
Railroad Tax	5.43	5.80	5.00
Savings Bank Tax	13.81	9.32	9.00
For Fighting Forest Fires		3,529.72	
Reimbursement on account Old Age Assistance		688.01	
From Local Sources Except Taxes:			
Interest Received on Taxes and Deposits	25.00	22.12	22.00
Dog Licenses	150.00	252.00	250.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	450.00	650.40	600.00
Sale of Town Property		70.00	
Tax Sales Redeemed and Interest		387.19	300.00
Property and Poll Taxes, Previous Years	300.00	76.20	
Refund Sanborn Seminary		25.40	
George Wason, Est. for Maple Ave. Const.		100.00	
Tax Lien Transfer		130.56	
Telephone Toll Calls		11.40	
Conley Grove Improvement Ass'n.		35.00	
Revolver Permits		3.50	
Cemetery Lots		53.00	

Amount Raised by Issue of Bonds or Notes :

Temporary Loans in Anticipation of

Taxes During Year 1,980.00

Temporary Loans in Anticipation of Taxes

for Forest Fires 2,959.16

Use Library Land 5.00

†Cash Surplus 8,928.20

From Local Taxes Other Than

Property Taxes—Previous Years :

Poll Taxes—Regular at \$2 410.00 418.00 410.00

Total Revenues From All Sources

Except Property Taxes 1,587.96 20,525.40 1,781.00

*Amount to be Raised by

Property Taxes 22,126.88 19,825.00 30,477.16

Total Revenues \$23,714.84 \$40,350.44 \$32,258.16

*Total estimated "Revenues from All Sources except Property Taxes" deducted from Total estimated "Expenditures" should give estimated "Amount to be raised by Property Taxes."

†Cash Surplus equals Excess of actual Cash on Hand at close of fiscal year over Current Liabilities, i.e., Balance of Appropriation due School District, Outstanding Temporary Loans in Anticipation of Taxes and Accounts Payable.

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES

Current Maintenance Expenses:

	Appropriations Previous Year 1947	Actual Exp'ditures Previous Year 1947	Estimated Exp'ditures Ensuing Year 1948
General Government:			
Town Officers' Salaries	\$800.00	\$842.09	\$900.00
Town Officers' Expenses	500.00	596.30	600.00
Election and Registration Expenses	100.00	71.00	125.00
Selectmen's Special Expenses Town Hall and Other	200.00	200.25	200.00
Town Buildings	400.00	400.00	400.00
Protection of Persons and Property:			
Police Department	100.00	168.37	100.00
Fire Department	400.00	342.20	600.00
Moth Extermination—Blister Rust Spraying	100.00	100.00	150.00
Health:			
Health Department, including Hospitals	25.00	4.00	25.00
Vital Statistics	15.00	19.60	15.00
Highways and Bridges:			
Town Maintenance: Summer	800.00	1,050.42	800.00
Town Maintenance: Winter	1,500.00	1,261.65	2,000.00
Street Lighting	765.00	771.36	775.00
General Expenses of Highway Department	100.00	114.32	200.00
Town Road Aid	197.44	197.44	198.18
Forest Fires		7,223.59	
Libraries	250.00	152.74	500.00

Public Welfare :			
Town Poor	500.00	125.13	500.00
Old Age Assistance	1,500.00	1,127.20	1,500.00
Patriotic Purposes :			
Memorial Day and Veterans' Associations	60.00	64.96	60.00
Aid to Soldiers and Their Families	50.00		50.00
Recreation :			
Parks and Playgrounds including Band Concerts	20.00	20.00	20.00
Public Service Enterprises :			
Cemeteries	300.00	360.35	300.00
Unclassified :			
Damages and Dog Tax Expenses		42.88	
Interest :			
Taxes brought by Town		281.34	
On Long Term Notes		91.25	
Highways and Bridges :			
Town Construction	1,200.00	236.15	2,500.00
Town Dump	50.00	34.50	100.00
New Equipment	275.00	575.00	
Payment on Principal of Debt :			
(a) Loan in Anticipation of Taxes		2,000.00	3,000.00
(b) Long Term Notes	1,000.00	1,300.00	1,000.00
(c) State of New Hampshire—\$3.00 Poll Tax		59.40	
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions :			
County Taxes	1,677.40	2,218.84	2,300.00
Payments to School Districts	9,955.00	8,800.00	13,339.98
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Total Expenditures	\$22,839.84	\$30,852.33	\$32,258.16

VALUATION

Land and Buildings	
(Exclusive of Growing Wood and Timber)	\$522,429.00
Electric Plants	12,160.00
Horses (24)	2,500.00
Cows (181)	23,435.00
Other Neat Stock (23)	1,725.00
Sheep and Goats (12 sheep, 6 goats, Total 18)	230.00
Fowls (3,350)	3,350.00
Portable Mills (1)	1,000.00
Wood, Lumber, etc. (85 cords)	510.00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks (2)	320.00
Stock in Trade	2,000.00
Aqueducts (Flowage Lights)	2,000.00
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Total Valuation	571,659.00
(Exclusive of Soldiers' Exemptions and	
Exemptions to Blind)	12,250.00
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Total Valuation	\$559,409.00
Poll Taxes (221 at \$2.00)	442.00
Amount of property valuation exempted to soldiers	\$12,250.00
Number of inventories sent out	300
Number of inventories returned	87

APPROPRIATION AND TAXES ASSESSED FOR 1947

Town Officers' Salaries	\$800.00
Town Officers' Expenses	500.00
Election and Registration Expenses	100.00
Town Hall and Buildings	400.00
Police Department	100.00
Fire Department	400.00
Health Department	25.00
Vital Statistics	15.00
Town Road Aid	197.44
Town Maintenance	800.00
Winter Maintenance	1,500.00
Tarring Dow Ave.	1,100.00
Gravelling Willow Vale	100.00
Tree Spraying	100.00
Street Lighting	765.00
General Expenses of Highway Department	100.00
Selectmen's Special	200.00
Soldiers' Aid	50.00
Maintaining Dump	50.00
Wing for Snow Plow	275.00
Libraries	250.00
Old Age Assistance	1,500.00
Town Poor	500.00
Memorial Day	60.00
Parks and Playgrounds Including Band Concerts	20.00
Cemeteries	300.00
Payments on Principal of Debt	1,000.00
County Tax	2,218.84
School Tax	8,945.81
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Total Town and School Appropriations	\$22,372.09

Less: Estimated Revenues and Credits:

Interest and Dividend Tax	\$184.58
Railroad Tax	5.43
Savings Bank Tax	13.81
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	450.00
Interest Received on Taxes	25.00
Total Revenues and Credits	<hr/> \$678.82
Plus Overlay	243.45

Net Amount to be Raised by Taxation	\$21,693.27
Less: Poll Taxes at \$2.00	\$442.00
Taxes to be Committed to Collector:	
Poll Taxes (221 at \$2.00)	\$442.00

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Hall Equipment	\$80.00
Library Land and Buildings	4,000.00
Library Equipment	1,500.00
Highway Department Equipment	1,000.00
Fire Equipment	2,500.00
Fire House	2,500.00

Property Acquired Through Tax Collector's Deeds

J. H. Parker, 7 Acres, Adj. A. A. Hooker	\$60.00
J. H. Parker, 8 Acres, Adj. A. A. Hooker	75.00
James C. Merrill Est., 1 Acre, East Road	25.00
Clara J. Hall, 1 Acre, Pope Road	10.00
Walter Weeks, 10½ Acres, Adj. A. A. Hooker	200.00
Daniel W. Knight, 10 Acres, Conley's Grove	200.00

DETAILED STATEMENT*Town Officers' Salaries*

Philo Hutcheson, Auditor	\$15.00	
Harlon C. Dyke, Auditor	15.00	
Ruth L. Sawyer, Town Clerk and Town Treasurer	125.00	
Leroy D. Barnum, Chairman Selectmen	200.00	
Thomas C. Duffey, Selectman	125.00	
Robert S. Hotchkiss, Selectman	125.00	
Wilbur Moody, Dog Officer	25.00	
Oscar P. Little, Trustee of Trust Funds	10.00	
Harry B. Tuttle, Tax Collector	202.09	
Total		\$842.09

Town Officers' Expenses

U. S. Auto and Truck Guide	\$4.50
Harlon C. Dyke	.40
The Squamscott Press, Dog license notices	3.00
Association of N. H. Assessors, Dues	2.00
Milton P. Wood, Selectman's Expenses	5.00
Record Publishing Co., Town Reports	177.00
Arthur H. Sawyer, Bonding Town Officers	75.50
N. H. Tax Collectors' Association, Dues	4.00
Sargent Brothers, Poll and Property Tax Bills	8.20
J. S. Hill Agency, Insurance on Town Clerk's Office	6.25
Marjorie P. Barnum, Supplies for Police Department, Forest Fire	1.40
Haverhill Evening Gazette, Card of Thanks, Forest Fire	1.50
Haverhill Evening Gazette, Notice Special Town Meeting	7.65
Wheeler & Clark, Supplies	1.56

Wilbur Moody, Expenses	5.16	
Ward Wright, Posting Fire Notices and Building Permits	16.00	
Oscar P. Little, Expenses and Mileage	5.00	
Thomas C. Duffey, Tax Meeting, Mileage Expenses	16.00	
Leroy D. Barnum, Tax Meeting, Mileage Expenses of Chairman	34.43	
Robert S. Hotchkiss, Tax Meeting, Expenses	12.00	
Harry B. Tuttle, Tax Meeting, Mileage, Expenses	38.90	
D. J. Casey Paper Co., Supplies	11.85	
John W. Perkins, Legal Services	25.00	
Edson Eastman, Supplies	1.34	
Brown & Saltmarsh, Supplies	12.26	
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., Telephone Town Clerk's Office	29.91	
Ruth L. Sawyer, Expenses	90.49	
Total		\$596.30

Election and Registration

John H. Smith, Moderator 1945 and 1946	\$15.00	
Rush-a-Service, Ballots	13.25	
State of New Hampshire, Legalizing November 1946 Election	.75	
Kae Duerstling, Ballot Clerk	4.00	
Etta L. Nye, Ballot Clerk	4.00	
Gladys Wood, Ballot Clerk	4.00	
Frank Bailey, Supervisor of Check List	15.00	
L. Edna Wright, Supervisor of Checklist	15.00	
Total		\$71.00

Town Hall Expenses

Rent of Grange Hall	\$400.00
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Police Department

Carl C. Wilson, Police Duty	\$3.00
Orville E. Graffam, Police Duty Rugg Est. 1943	17.50

Henry L. Nye, Police Duty	82.87	
Wilbur Moody, Police Duty	65.00	
Total	<hr/>	\$168.37

Fire Department

James Sabatino, Towing Fire Truck	\$10.00	
Municipal Fire Appliance Co., Hose Rings	2.70	
Clarence Kinney, Repairs on Fire Truck	12.10	
J. H. Church, Gasoline and Oil	3.70	
Haverhill Hardware & Plumbing Supply Co., Paint	15.36	
Johnson's Garage, Gasoline	2.61	
Mass. Bonding & Ins. Co., Insurance on Members of Fire Department	58.34	
Arthur H. Sawyer, Fire Ins. for 1 year	27.40	
Exeter, Hampton Electric Co.	13.72	
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	27.34	
K. H. Duston, Range Oil	57.04	
Howard's Garage, Repairs to Fire Truck	98.40	
Howard's Garage, Gasoline	3.03	
Rosemont Garage, Gasoline	2.94	
State of N. H. Forestry and Rec. Dept., Fire Tools	7.52	
Total	<hr/>	\$342.20

Forest Fires

Ward Wright, Payroll Fire No. Broadway	\$16.95	
L. E. Duston, Payroll Fire No. Broadway	8.60	
Ward Wright, Forest Fire, October	6,959.04	
State of N. H., Indian Pumps	239.00	
Total	<hr/>	\$7,223.59

Health Department

Henry Nye, Service and Expense	\$4.00
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Vital Statistics

John W. A. Green, Examining Records	\$9.60	
Ruth L. Sawyer	10.00	
Total	<hr/>	\$19.60

Memorial Day

Merle R. Ashford, Band and Speaker	\$20.00	
Nellie Noyes, Wreathes	6.00	
The Felt Crafters, Flags	4.50	
Merrimack Valley Supply and Letter Service, Programs	4.00	
M. Clayton Gould, Ice Cream	21.30	
Wood-Dunnells, Tonic	9.16	
Total		\$64.96

Old Age Assistance

State of New Hampshire, Town Share (25%)	\$1,127.20	
Town Poor	125.13	
Total		\$1,252.33

Street Lighting

Exeter & Hampton Electric Co.	\$771.36
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Payments

First National Bank, Derry, Temporary Loan	\$2,000.00	
First National Bank, Derry, Fire Equipment Note No. 75	300.00	
First National Bank, Derry, Maple Ave., Poor's Hill No. 78	1,000.00	
Total		\$3,300.00

Interest

First National Bank, Derry	\$91.25
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Selectmen, Special

Town of Derry, Share of Stone Marker	\$20.00	
John Boodakian, Removing Tree Stump	20.00	
Edson C. Eastman Co., Inc., Steel File	45.25	
R. C. Hazelton Co., Inc., Part Payment of Snow Plow	115.00	
Total		\$200.25

Parks and Playgrounds

Burton C. Pettengill	\$20.00
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Cemeteries

Burton C. Pettengill, Payroll	\$360.35
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Schools

Atkinson School District	\$8,800.00
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General Expenses of Highway Department

R. C. Hazeltine Co., Inc., Parts for Snowplow	\$53.53	
Walter S. Brock, Express for Snowplow Parts	2.73	
Oliver A. Benoit, Work on Snowplow	16.50	
Haverhill Hardware, Calcium Chloride and Bolts	11.96	
Burton C. Pettengill, Pulling Spikes, Rake and Broom	19.60	
Howard's Garage, Work on Snowplow	10.00	
Total		\$114.32

Libraries

Beatrice Reynolds, Books	\$4.00	
Curtis Publishing Co., Magazine Subscriptions	10.50	
Cross Book Shop, Books	113.76	
The Sceva Speare Co., Books	24.48	
Total		\$152.74

Town Maintenance

Summer	\$1,050.42	
Winter and Snow Removal	1,261.65	
T. R. A.	197.44	
Total		\$2,509.51

New Construction

Burton C. Pettengill, Willow Vale Lane	\$112.65	
Burton C. Pettengill, Patching Dow Ave.	123.50	
Total		\$236.15

Dog Taxes

Wheeler & Clark, Dog Licenses and Tags	\$7.88	
George Mason, Sheep Killed by Dogs	35.00	
Total	<hr/>	\$42.88

Miscellaneous

David Farquhar, Jr., Town Dump Grading	\$34.50	
County Tax	2,218.84	
Spraying	100.00	
State of New Hampshire (\$3.00 Poll Taxes Collected 1946)	59.40	
Taxes Bought by Town	281.34	
Total	<hr/>	\$2,694.08

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

Cash on hand January 1, 1947		\$8,928.20
Note 84, First National Bank, Derry, N. H., \$2,000		
Less Discount		\$1,980.00
Note 86, First National Bank, Derry, N. H., \$3,000		
Less Discount		2,959.16
State Share Forest Fire		\$3,529.72
O. A. A. Robertson Refund		688.01
Conley Grove Improvement Ass'n.		35.00
Sale of Old Grader		10.00
Revolver Permits		3.50
Tax Lien Transfer		130.56
Use Library Land		5.00
Sale Bridge Lumber		60.00
Telephone Toll Calls		11.40
Auto Permits		650.40
Cemetery Lots		53.00
Refund Sanborn Seminary		25.40
Received G. M. Wason Estate		100.00
Dog Licenses, 1946 Balance		20.00
Dog Licenses, 1947 Year		232.00
State of New Hampshire Savings Bank Tax	\$9.32	
State of New Hampshire, R. R. Tax	5.80	
State of New Hampshire, Interest and		
Dividend	185.46	
		<hr/> 200.58
Tax Collector, Harry B. Tuttle:		
Poll Tax		
1945	\$7.00	
1945 Special	3.00	
1946	14.00	
1947	418.00	
		<hr/> 442.00

Property Tax		
1946	\$52.20	
1947	19,825.00	
	<hr/>	19,877.20
Interest		
1945	\$1.80	
1946	20.32	
	<hr/>	22.12
Redeemed Tax Sales		
1945	\$154.86	
1946	196.96	
	<hr/>	351.82
Interest		
1945	\$27.89	
1946	6.98	
	<hr/>	34.87
Notice		.50
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Total		\$40,350.44
Less Selectmen's Orders		30,852.33
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Cash on hand December 31, 1947		\$9,498.11

Respectfully submitted,

RUTH L. SAWYER,

Town Clerk and Town Treasurer.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Liabilities

Due Atkinson School District	
From Appropriation	\$5,999.81
Due Atkinson School District	
From Dog Tax 1947	171.24
	\$6,171.05

Outstanding Notes

No. 79	Due April 20, 1948	\$1,000.00	
	For Maple Ave. and Poor's Hill		
No. 80	Due May 8, 1949	1,000.00	
No. 81	Due May 8, 1950	1,000.00	
	For Dow Ave.		
No. 86	Due Aug. 22, 1948	3,000.00	
	For Forest Fire Expense		
		\$6,000.00	
	Total		\$12,171.05

Assets

Cash on hand December 31, 1947	\$9,498.11
Uncollected Taxes	
1946	\$9.00
1947 Polls	22.00
1947 Property	155.52
	\$186.52
Unredeemed Taxes	
1945	\$17.82
1946	228.56
1947	281.34
	\$527.72
Total	\$10,212.35

Respectfully submitted,

RUTH L. SAWYER,

Town Clerk and Town Treasurer.

REPORT OF HARRY B. TUTTLE

TAX COLLECTOR

1945 *Warrant*

Uncollected Dec. 31, 1946	\$10.00
Collected and Paid Treasurer	10.00
Interest Collected and Paid Treasurer	1.80

1946 *Warrant*

Uncollected Dec. 31, 1946		\$75.20
Collected and Paid Treasurer	\$66.20	
Uncollected Dec. 31, 1947	9.00	
		\$75.20
Interest Collected and Paid Treasurer		\$2.63

1947 *Warrant*

Property Taxes	\$20,111.30	
221 Poll Taxes at \$2.00	442.00	
		\$20,553.30
Collected and Paid Treasurer:		
Property Taxes	\$19,825.00	
Discounts	71.38	
Abatements	59.40	
Uncollected Property Taxes, December 31, 1947	155.52	
Collected and Paid Treasurer:		
Poll Taxes	\$418.00	
Abatements	2.00	
Uncollected, Poll Taxes, Dec. 31, 1947	22.00	
		\$20,553.30
Interest Collected and Paid Treasurer		\$17.69

Tax Sales Account

	Dr.			
		1947	1946	1945
Unredeemed, Dec. 31, 1946			\$554.26	\$172.68

Tax Sale of Dec. 29, 1947	\$281.34		
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Totals	\$281.34	\$554.26	\$172.68
	Cr.		
	1947	1946	1945
Remittances to Treasurer		\$196.96	\$154.86
Tax Liens sold to E. E. Conley		128.74	
Unredeemed, December 31, 1947	\$281.34	228.56	17.62
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Totals	\$281.34	\$554.26	\$172.68
Interest Collected and Paid Treasurer		\$6.98	\$27.89
Fee for Notifying Mortgagee		.50	

HARRY B. TUTTLE,

Tax Collector

REPORT OF AUDITORS

This is to certify that we have examined the accounts of Selectmen, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Trustees of Trust Funds and Trustees of Todd Poor Fund for the year ending December 31, 1947, and find them correctly cast with vouchers.

HARLON C. DYKE,

PHILO A. HUTCHESON,

Auditors.

WILLIAM C. TODD FUND

Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1946	\$1,044.53
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1947	\$1,044.53

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF ATKINSON, N. H., ON DECEMBER 31, 1947

Date of Creation		TRUST FUNDS—PURPOSE OF CREATION		HOW INVESTED		Amount of Principal		Rate of Interest		Balance of Income on Hand at Beginning of Year		Income During Year		Expended During Year		Balance of Income on Hand at End of Year	
		These Funds are all Cemetery Funds															
1938	May 16	D. E. and Cora I. Bartlett Cemetery Fund, Donor, Cora I. Bartlett		Amoskeag Sav. Bank		\$200.00		2		\$36		\$4.02		\$4.02		\$36	
1934	Jan. 29	Elizabeth C. Clark Cemetery Fund Donor, Susan M. Clark		Amoskeag Sav. Bank		1000.00		2		66.14		21.42		57.00		36.56	
1936	Sept. 24	J. M. Goodrich Cemetery Fund Donor, J. M. Goodrich		Amoskeag Sav. Bank		150.00		2		10.32		3.21		3.00		10.53	
1939	Aug. 19	Emma F. Greenough Cemetery Fund Donor, Emma F. Greenough		Amoskeag Sav. Bank		100.00		2		.36		2.01		2.01		.36	
1933	May 14	Paul and Elizabeth Heald Cemetery Fund, Donor, John Heald		Amoskeag Sav. Bank		200.00		2		27.50		4.56		3.00		29.06	
1908	Mar. 16	Sarah E. Knight Cemetery Fund Donor, Sarah E. Knight		Amoskeag Sav. Bank		100.00		2		75.20		3.81		3.00		75.71	
1935	Dec. 16	Mary G. Marble Cemetery Fund Donor, Lawrence Y. W. C. A.		Amoskeag Sav. Bank		200.00		2		26.90		4.55		3.00		28.45	
1937	June 1	Sawyer and Cross Cemetery Fund Donors, Arthur H. Sawyer, Clifford Sawyer, E. E. Sawyer, Mary Cross, Herbert N. Sawyer		Amoskeag Sav. Bank		200.00		2				4.02		4.02			
1928	Nov. 27	William B. Thomas Cemetery Fund Donor, William B. Thomas		Amoskeag Sav. Bank		100.00		2		12.59		2.25		3.00		11.84	

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

To the Trustees of the Kimball Public Library:

During the past year the Library has been opened Tuesday evening from 7:00 to 9:00 o'clock and Saturday from 2:00 to 5:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

Through the cooperation of the teachers it has been possible to have sub stations at the schools.

The largest number of books taken out during the year has been 2,412, the largest in one day 54.

Respectfully Submitted,

BEATRICE E. REYNOLDS

Librarian.

BOOKS PURCHASED IN 1947

A

Admiral Halsey's Story	Adm. Halsey
Ace in the Hole Haggarty	Hankins
A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court	Twain

B

Bishop's Mantle	Turnbull
Brass Keys of Kenwick	Seaman
Billy Mink	Burgess
Blue Horizons	Baldwin
B. T.'s Daughter	Marquand
Beckoning Trails	Loring
Brave Men	Pyle
Boys' Guide to Fishing	Morton
Beyond the Sound of Guns	Loring
Big Town Round Up, The	Raine
Bucky Follows a Cold Trail	Raine
Blood of the North	Hendryx

C

Case of the Curious Bride	Gardner
Coming of Cassidy	Mulford
Clue in the Old Album	Keene
Case of the Howling Dog	Gardner
Cozy Little Farm	Bonino
Came a Cavalier	Keyes

D

Diamond River Man	Cunningham
D. A. Cooks a Goose	Gardner
Deep West	Haycox

E

Ebbing Tide, The	Ogilvie
East Side, West Side	Davenport

F

Fishes of New Hampshire ...	N. H. Fish and Game Commission
Foxes of Harrow, The	Yerby
100 Fathoms Under	Blaine
Fool's Goal	Bower

G

Gentleman's Agreement	Hobson
Garretson Chronicle	Brace
Give Us Our Dream	Goertz
Gun Feud	Mann

H

Hansel and Gretel	Grimm
Heritage of the River	Elwood
Hunting North American Deer	Carhart
Hope of Earth	Runbeck
Hildegarde's Home	Richards
House Divided	Williams

I

I Chose Freedom	Kravchenko
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J

Junior Miss	Benson
Jerry Muskrat at Home	Burgess
Just Fishing	Bergman

L

Little Dog Who Forgot How to Bark, The	Wonder Book
Little Engine That Could, The	Bragg
Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come	Fox
Little Joe Otter	Burgess
Lucy Forward	Allen
Lydia Bailey	Roberts

M

Mr. Blandings Builds His Dream House	Hodgins
Mr. Bremble's Buttons	Langley
Mr. Whittle and the Morning Star	Nathan
Mrs. Tim Gets a Job	Stevenson
Mrs. Mike	Freedman
Moxie and Hanty and Buntz	Austin
Mob 3	Parsons

N

Now that April's There	Neuman
New Orleans Holiday	Early
Nothing So Strange.....	Hilton
Nicodemus	Walworth
Navy Blue and Gold	Bruce
Man in the Saddle	Haycox

O

Our Island Lighthouse	Richmond
Outlaw on Horseback	Ermine

P

Pody Little Puppy, The	Lowery
Polly Pepper's Book	Sidney
Prince and Foxes	Shellabarger
Phantom Freighter, The	Dixon
Prodigious Hickey, The	Johnson

Q

Quarry, The	Walker
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R

Rim of the Prairie	Aldrich
Rosemary and the Princess	Lawrence

Rawhide Johnny Coolidge

S

Show Piece, The Tarkington

Seven Strange Clues Sutton

Silver Tarn, The Adams

Sea Gold Blaine

Skippy Bedelle Johnson

Signs of the Spiral Striker

Spanish Cape Mystery, The Queen

Stover at Yale Johnson

Salem Frigate, The Jennings

T

Time of the Singing of the Bees Hill

Together Marshall

The Telltale Scar Striker

The Tennessee Shad Johnson

Thirsty Range Mann

The Ten Flute Roy

U

Unfinished House, The Sutton

Uncle Wiggily and the Littletails Garis

Uncle Wiggily's Fortune Garis

Uncle Wiggily's Happy Days Garis

Unforeseen, The Mac

V

The Varmint Johnson

Vengeance Valley Manning

W

Wasteland Sinclair

Whiteflower, The Ullman

We Live in the Arctic Helmricks

Way of Life Gibbs

White Tail Smock

Wall Between, The Barber

Wild Bunch, The Barber

Y

Younger Sister Norris

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

SCHOOL BOARD

of the

TOWN OF ATKINSON, N. H.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF THE TOWN OF ATKINSON, N. H.

Sources of Revenue

Balance on hand July 1, 1946	\$19.27
Town of Atkinson :	
Appropriation	200.00
Appropriation	800.00
Appropriation	791.04
Appropriation	300.00
Appropriation	900.00
State of New Hampshire, State Aid	946.70
Town of Atkinson, Dog Tax	226.60
Town of Atkinson :	
Appropriation	1,000.00
Appropriation	200.00
Appropriation	600.00
Appropriation	400.00
Appropriation	100.00
Appropriation	700.00
Appropriation	1,200.00
Appropriation	600.00
Total Receipts During Year	\$8,983.61

SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS

	Distribution of Expenditures		
	General	High	Elementary
	Expense	School	School
Administration :			
Salaries of District Officers	\$190.00		
Superintendent's excess salary	245.09		
Tax for state wide supervision	152.00		

Expenses of administration :			
Supplies and expenses	70.72		
Instruction :			
Principal's and teachers' salaries		\$3,104.80	
Text books		66.03	
Scholars' supplies		74.54	
Other expenses of instruction :			
Supplies, other expenses		10.99	
Operation of School Plant :			
Janitors' salaries		140.00	
Fuel or heat		109.00	
Water, light, janitors' supplies		73.90	
Repairs and replacements		115.88	
Auxiliary Activities :			
Health supervision, salaries		132.89	
Transportation, contract services		1,550.00	
Tuition, secondary	\$2,124.85		
Other activities		475.99	
Fixed Charges :			
Insurance	37.50		
State retirement and other	68.00		
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Total Payments for All Purposes	\$763.31	\$2,124.85	\$5,854.02
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			\$8,742.18
Total Cash on Hand at End of			
Year (June 30, 1947)			\$241.43
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Grand Total			\$8,983.61

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENSES

No. 1—Salaries of District Officers :	
Mable Sawyer	\$5.00
Harlon C. Dyke	5.00
Mildred V. Illsley	25.00
Beatrice Hutcheson	25.00
Ernest R. Scott	100.00

L. Edna Wright	20.00
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	\$180.00
No. 2—Superintendent's Excess Salary:	
Lena M. Lloyd, Treasurer	\$245.09
No. 3—School Census:	
Ernest R. Scott	\$10.00
No. 4—Expenses of Administration:	
Lena M. Lloyd, Treasurer	\$30.00
E. R. Scott, Express Charges	2.19
B. Hutcheson, Telephone Charges	1.95
Rush-A-Service, Ballots	9.25
William J. Nelson, Express Charges	5.32
E. R. Scott, Travel and Telephone Charges	9.06
William J. Nelson, Expenses	7.95
Arthur Sawyer, Bond	5.00
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	\$70.72
No. 5—Principal's and Teachers' Salaries:	
Eva W. Thompson	\$225.00
Stella Olsen	1,263.00
Alice Scott	1,185.50
Florence Scott	18.00
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	\$2,691.50
No. 6—Text Books:	
Charles E. Merrill Co., Inc.	\$2.28
MacMillan Company	10.14
Allyn & Bacon	5.49
D. C. Heath and Co.	5.36
Scott, Foresman and Co.	6.79
L. W. Singer	3.31
Ginn and Co.	13.02
John C. Winston	10.11
World Book Co.	2.39
American Book	3.14
Dept. of Elementary School Principals	4.00
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	\$66.03

No. 7—Scholars' Supplies:

Edward E. Babb and Co., Inc.	\$72.81
Peevers	1.73
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	\$74.54

No. 9—Other Expenses of Instruction:

Edward E. Babb and Co. Inc.	.80
Webster Publishing Company	.66
World Book Company	9.53
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	\$10.99

No. 10—Janitor Service:

Carl Wilson	\$140.00
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No. 11—Fuel:

Levi Duston	\$36.00
Haverhill Coal Supply Company	73.00
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	\$109.00

No. 12—Water, Light and Janitor Supplies:

Exeter and Hampton Electric Company	\$40.95
J. L. Hammett Company	8.15
Edward E. Babb and Co. Inc.	4.00
Ward Wright, Repairs to Pump and Cleaning Well	20.00
Haverhill Hardware and Plumbing Supply	.80
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	\$73.90

No. 13—Minor Repairs and Expenses:

Harry S. Vaughn	\$7.25
Haverhill Hardware and Plumbing Supply	9.39
Ward Wright, Cleaning and Repairing Schools	89.00
D. D. Chase Lumber Company	6.24
Raymond J. Kenney	4.00
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	\$115.88

No. 14—Medical Inspection:

Lena M. Lloyd, Treasurer	\$132.89
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No. 15—Transportation of Pupils:

Ward Wright	\$1,550.00
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No. 16—High School and Academy Tuition:

Sanborn Seminary	\$230.00
Atkinson Academy	1,421.87
Salem School District	225.40
City of Haverhill, Mass.	247.58

 \$2,124.85

No. 18—Other Special Activities:

Atkinson Academy, Rent	\$400.00
Haverhill Hardware and Plumbing Supply	24.95
Henry L. Nye	3.00
Bob Taylor	32.95
Haverhill Rubber Co.	1.30
Stella Olsen	1.50
Pickards Milk	12.29

 \$475.99

No. 19—Insurance:

Arthur H. Sawyer	\$37.50
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No. 26—Per Capita Tax:

Treasurer, State of New Hampshire	\$152.00
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No. 27—Withholding Tax:

Internal Revenue	\$413.30
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No. 28—Teachers' and Superintendent's
Retirement Fund:

Teachers' Retirement Fund	\$60.00
State of New Hampshire	8.00

 \$68.00

ANNUAL REPORT OF DISTRICT TREASURER

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1947

SUMMARY

Cash on hand June 30, 1946 (Treasurer's Bank Balance)	\$19.27
Received from selectmen:	
Appropriations for current year	\$6,000.00
Balance of previous appropriations	1,791.04
Dog Tax	226.60
Received from State Treasurer (State Aid)	946.70
	<hr/> \$8,964.34
Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year (Balance and Receipts)	\$8,983.61
Less School Board Orders Paid	\$8,742.18
Balance on Hand as of June 30, 1947 (Treasurer's Bank Balance)	\$241.43

L. EDNA WRIGHT,

District Treasurer.

July 1, 1947.

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

(Required by the State Board of Education from all
State Aided Districts)

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Atkinson, of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1947, and find them correct in all respects.

HARLON C. DYKE,
MABEL E. SAWYER,*Auditors.*

July 15, 1947.

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*To the Inhabitants of the School district in the town of Atkinson
qualified to vote in district affairs:*

You are hereby notified to meet at the Grange Hall in said district on the 11th day of March, 1948, at seven o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agent of the district.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see if the district will vote to make any alteration in the amount of money required to be assessed for the ensuing year for the support of public schools and the payment of the statutory obligations of the district, as determined by the school board in its annual report.
9. To transact any further business that may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands at said Atkinson this 19th day of February 1948.

ERNEST R. SCOTT,
MILDRED V. ILLSLEY,
BEATRICE M. HUTCHESON,

School Board.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

ERNEST R. SCOTT,
MILDRED V. ILLSLEY,
BEATRICE M. HUTCHESON,

School Board.

The Polls will be open to vote for District Officers from seven to eight P. M.

The other articles of the Warrant will be taken up at eight o'clock.

SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE FOR 1948-1949

School District of Atkinson.

School Board's statement of amounts required to support public schools and meet other statutory obligations of the district for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1948.

Detailed Statement of Expenditures

	**Elementary Schools
*Support of Schools:	
Teachers' Salaries	\$6,688.00
Text Books	160.00
Scholars' Supplies	185.00
Flags and Appurtenances	20.00
Other Expenses of Instruction	260.00
Janitor Service	550.00
Fuel	300.00
Water, Light, Janitors' Supplies	275.00
Health Supervision (Med. Insp.)	203.00
Transportation of Pupils	1,800.00
Other Special Activities	100.00
	<hr/> \$10,541.00
Other Statutory Requirements:	
Salaries of District Officers	
(fixed by district)	\$300.00
Truant Officer and School Census	
(fixed by district)	10.00
Payment of Tuition in High Schools and Academies (Estimated by Board)	3,670.00
Superintendent's Excess Salary (fixed by Supervisory Union)	298.00
Per Capita Tax (reported by State Treasurer)	188.00
Payment of District Debt	2,000.00

Payment of Interest on District Debt	875.00	
Other Obligations	607.98	
	<hr/>	\$7,948.98

Total Amount Required to Meet School Board's Budget		\$18,489.98
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Estimated Income of District

Balance June 30, 1948 (estimated)	\$2,000.00	
State Aid (December 1948 Allotment)	3,000.00	
Dog Tax (Estimate)	150.00	
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Deduct Total Estimated Income (Not Raised by Taxation)		\$5,150.00

Assessment Required to Balance School Board's Budget		\$13,339.98
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ERNEST R. SCOTT,
MILDRED V. ILLSLEY,
BEATRICE M. HUTCHESON,

School Board.

Atkinson, N. H.
February 19, 1948.

*\$3.50 per \$1000 of taxable inventory is minimum required by law in addition to per capita tax and salaries of district officers.
**\$5 per \$1000 of equalized valuation must be raised for elementary schools to qualify for state aid.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Board of Education and Citizens of Atkinson:

I hereby submit my first Annual Report. This report will include supplementary staff reports from the Supervisor of Music Instruction, the Supervisor of Art Instruction, and the Director of Health Services. The report will cover statistical information concerning the school year beginning July 1, 1946, and ending June 30, 1947, with additional information concerning the status of the schools from July 1, 1947 to Dec. 31, 1947.

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

The total school enrollment reached an all time high of sixty-six pupils registered, for 1946-47. During the school year 1947-48 the trend is upward with a record September enrollment of 68.

We have been very fortunate to hold our teaching staff which by-and-large measures favorably with those of other schools in New Hampshire and neighboring Massachusetts. Miss Dorothea Martin, a graduate of Massachusetts School of Art, and with two years experience in the Hampton and the Durham schools, was added to the staff as Supervisor of Art Instruction.

II. CURRICULUM

A. I have found the curriculum followed at the Atkinson Schools to be sufficient, and if followed, should assure reasonable proficiency in the 3 R's, and adequate preparation for those who will go on to the secondary school. An integrated program of health and science is offered, as well as opportunities to develop good citizenship habits and social responsibilities.

B. Audio-Visual Education: An effort is being made to enlarge upon the use of the comparatively new aids to teaching and learning, the sound motion picture, records, and still panorama.

When money and personnel are available, much more should be done in this area.

C. Testing Program: A minimum testing program is in operation in which each pupil during his school tenure is tested to determine "his ability to learn from books" and paralleling this, achievement tests are given in Grades Four to Eight inclusive, to determine how far he has gone in "his learning from books." These test results are used in part as "starting points" from which the teacher may aid the pupils in overcoming their subject difficulties.

III. TEACHERS AND PROFESSIONAL ADVANCEMENT

Atkinson is fortunate in having a staff of well trained teachers, interested in boys and girls and conscious of the need for continuous study in our dynamic society. During this school year a Citizenship Workshop for teachers was organized. Under the direction of the State Board of Education, the teachers and Superintendent met for three days discussing new trends in education, working on personal teaching problems, and examining new materials for use in our classrooms. To follow this program of professional improvement, a three-week summer school for in-service training of teachers is anticipated. Mrs. Olsen attended summer school on a graduate level at Boston University during the summer session this last year.

IV. SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

We are fortunate to find such a close liaison between the school and the community. Through the efforts of an active Parent-Teacher Association plans are being made looking toward the establishment of a modified Hot Lunch Program for the next year. At the present time, milk is being offered to the children in the elementary grades.

V. RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS:

This section of the report might well be called "A Plan For the Future". In no way should it be implied that these recommendations are "musts", but merely a program upon which you the public must decide.

A. Teacher Status: In order to maintain our present staff of efficient teachers, and secure adequate replacements, salary increases seem necessary. The unending rise in the cost of living throughout the nation makes this of paramount importance. With the enrollments up, and it seems that the trend will continue, an additional teacher for the elementary staff should be contemplated. Some definite steps should be taken to care for the needs of our young people in guidance, physical education and remedial help. When the plans for the new building are realized, it will be necessary to obtain an additional teacher to relieve the untenable load carried by our present teaching staff.

B. Music: We are fortunate to have such an effective program in Music Instruction. During this year an operetta was offered by this department, and the pupils from grades seven and eight, participated in the program sponsored by the Academy.

C. Health and Physical Education: When space and funds are available, and with the help of local organizations, there should be established annual dental clinics and a program of physical examinations.

When funds and adequate facilities become available, an expanded Hot Lunch Program should be instituted using Federal Funds, which are available to defray part of the cost.

D. Textbooks and Scholars' Supplies: During the War Period it was impossible to carry out an efficient policy on textbook adoption and replacement. As a result, many of our texts are overworn, outdated, or inadequate. I therefore recommend a revolving policy of textbook replacement so that in no one year unusual amounts need be spent in this category.

Along with the other commodities, the price index of books, paper, etc., has increased from 10% to 25% over last year, making it necessary to increase the appropriations in these areas.

E. Planning for the Future:

1. While there are different points of view concerning the early growth of school attendance, all observers are agreed that by 1950 in the United States, we shall have a record enrollment, particularly in the elementary schools. The following is the projected enrollment increase in our schools based on statistics compiled by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. This projection assumes that Atkinson will follow the national trend.

Estimate of School-Age Population in Atkinson
from 1946 to 1955

Year	No. of Children Between 6-13
1946	66
1947	71
1948	73
1949	75
1950	77
1951	80
1952	83
1953	86
1954	87
1955	88

It is evident that there will be, in the near future, a marked increase in the school-age population, and the situation urgently calls for planning along practical lines in order that adequate provision be made for the education of these children.

2. Plans have been in operation for the building of a new structure to serve the needs of the elementary school children in Atkinson. It is hoped that it will be possible to begin the building in the early Spring, making it possible to enter the school in September. I wish to commend the School Board for its forethought and vision in planning a structure that will serve not only the school, but the whole community.

F. Conclusion: I wish to take this opportunity to express admiration and respect for our former Superintendent, Mr. William J. Nelson, who through twenty-three years of earnest and upright administration has made teachers, boys and girls, men and women better because of his untiring efforts for progress.

I also wish to express my sincere appreciation for the unqualified cooperation of the teaching staff and for the guidance and ever ready aid of the School Board, and Community organizations. It is only by this team spirit that the needs of all the children of all the people of Atkinson can be realized.

Respectfully submitted,

L. MUNRO GRANDY,

Superintendent of Schools.

STATISTICS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR ENDING
June 30, 1947

SCHOOL	Boys	Girls	Total	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Percent of Attendance
Grammar						
Grades 5-8	12	15	27	27.05	25.37	93.81
Primary						
Grades 1-4	22	13	35	31.81	28.93	90.94
Totals	34	28	62	58.86	54.30	92.25

TEACHERS 1947-48

Atkinson Academy

Harlon C. Dyke, Headmaster

Mrs. Harlon C. Dyke, Assistant Headmaster

Elementary

Stella M. Olsen, Center, Grades 5-8

Alice Scott, Center, Grades 1-4

Jessie Soule, R.N., School Nurse

Eva W. Thompson, Music Supervisor

Dorothea Martin, Art Supervisor

SUPERVISORY UNION NO. 55

SCHOOL CALENDAR

As Adopted by the School Board of Atkinson for 1947-48

Teachers' Meeting,	September 2, 1947 (Tuesday)
Fall Term Begins	September 3 (Wednesday)
N. H. S. T. A. Convention	October 16-17
Armistice Day Holiday	November 10-11

Thanksgiving Recess	November 27-28
Fall Term Ends	December 19
(72 teaching days)	
Winter Term Begins	January 5, 1948
Winter Term Recess	February 20
(35 teaching days)	
Mid-winter Term Begins	March 1
Mid-winter Term Recess	April 16
(35 teaching days)	
Spring Term Begins	April 26
Memorial Day Holiday	May 31
School year ends on or about	June 18, 1948

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC

To Mr. Munro L. Grandy, Superintendent of Schools:

I am pleased to present the following report of my work as Supervisor of Music.

In working to accomplish the aims of music, which include all the aims and objectives of general education, I presented a graded program in the schools.

The program consisted of rote-singing, basic fundamentals of music theory, expressions of symbols, signs and their significance as applied to the composition in question.

"A singing child is a happy child"—a love to sing and a means of expression, of rejoicing, of praying and of playing and relaxing.

Musical Appreciation, including the study of the Symphony Orchestra has been an interesting phase of the program. The addition of a new record-player and several albums of new records has been a help in carrying on this part of the program.

The Academy students assisted by grades seven and eight presented the operetta, "The Sunbonnet Girl", on December 12. The operetta was well received and a success financially.

In closing I should like to thank Mr. Grandy, the School Committee and Teachers for their kind assistance in 1947.

Respectfully submitted,

EVA W. THOMPSON.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF ART INSTRUCTION

To Mr. L. Munro Grandy, Superintendent of Schools :

I hereby submit my first Annual Report concerning the Art activities and instruction in Atkinson.

Due to the fact that there has been no previous Art Instruction Program, unusual and comprehensive results must be long in coming.

Our supplies have been limited, due to the fact that no previous provisions were made for this instruction. It is hoped that in the future we will have more equipment and supplies available. It is true in this instance that, "A man is as good as the tools he works with."

Art is essential in every-day living. One may not realize it, but it is our artistic taste that governs our mode of dressing, eating, and surroundings. It is good that at this time the need is felt to develop and guide the right artistic inclinations in your children. It will make for a better community in the future.

I wish to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the splendid cooperation shown by the teachers in order that this program might be put across.

Respectfully submitted,

DOROTHEA S. MARTIN,

Supervisor.

ANNUAL REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

1946-1947

To Mr. L. M. Grandy, Superintendent of Schools :

The following is my annual report for the year ending

December 31, 1947. As in the past, each school receives as many routine visits as possible, plus the additional visits necessary to accomplish specified work.

Number of pupils given physical examinations	71
Notifications of all defects found were sent home	
Number of visits to schools	75
Number of visits to homes—follow up work	32
Pupils given classroom inspection for Communicable Diseases	266
Pupils given individual examination for pediculosis	190
Pupils excluded for pediculosis	12
Number of pupils' vision rechecked	71
Defective vision	6
Improved or Corrected	5

1 pupil examined by Ophthalmologist showed nutritional deficiency, vitamins were ordered for a period of time, and vision was restored to normal, financed by Children's Welfare, Manchester.

1 pupil received examination by Ophthalmologist and glasses, financed by Sight Conservation Program.

Eye health in our schools is very important. Modern educational procedures depend largely on the use of sight. It is therefore necessary for all of those concerned with the welfare of the child to know as early as possible what his eye condition is. Since eyes change with growth, and accidents do occur during vacation periods of which the pupil and parent may both be unaware, periodic examinations are necessary through the school year. Ideally, every child should have a thorough medical examination, including an eye examination, before he enters school.

Enlarged Tonsils	3
Corrected	1

One Tonsilectomy and Adenoidectomy financed by Crippled Children and Handicapped Persons Fund. One pupil attended Mental Hygiene Clinic, Concord, and also had an electroencephalogram Test.

Number of pupils who have had dental corrections	9
Number of pupils having defective teeth	27

Miss Constance Martin, R.N., Staff worker of the Tuberculosis Association aided in giving the Vollmer Test for tuberculosis May 9-12, 1947 at Atkinson Academy, when eleven pupils

were tested. Two pupils reacted "Positive" to this test. Through courtesy of Mrs. Olsen transportation was furnished to Manchester Clinic for X-rays. The two that were X-rayed in Manchester Clinic, reports showed calcified glands or healed tuberculosis infection.

The Salem schools are anticipating a gift of an Audiometer, a special scientific device for measuring the hearing loss. I am looking forward to using this Audiometer and giving each pupil a hearing test. No child can learn unless he hears and understands what he hears. Many children suffer from a qualitative hearing loss, or hidden defects that no one realizes. Bright children may be stigmatized as "backward" or "lazy" when actually they are struggling under a burden of defective hearing. It has been found the majority of hard of hearing can be given auricular care he needs for correction, if found in time.

Every child was weighed and measured several times during the school year, and records kept on charts provided. Gain in weight is the best single sign of good nutrition in a child. Healthy, well-nourished children differ in many respects, according to age, sex, race, and family from which they come. They vary in body shape, and size, even at the same age; some will be slender and tall, some stocky and short. The gain to be expected over any period depends upon such factors as these, as well as the child's health through the period.

Everyday factors favorable to growth are long hours of sleep, play and exercise in open air, and a diet that includes a generous amount of milk, fruit, and vegetables.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the School Committee, Mr. Grandy, and Teachers, and all with whom I have worked, for without their interest and cooperation, my work would have been quite futile.

Respectfully submitted,

JESSIE REBECCA SOULE, R. N.

Union No. 55
Atkinson, Salem, Plaistow,
Hampstead, Newton.

VITAL STATISTICS

Registered in Town of Atkinson, N. H., for Year 1947

Births

September 6, 1947. Baby Fuller.

Parents: Jesse Fuller and Virginia Kohl, both of Atkinson, N. H. Stillborn.

Marriages

January 11, 1947. Jesse L. George of Newton Junction, N. H., and Abbie L. Lunnin of Atkinson, N. H. Parents: Leon L. George and Esther A. Bowley, both of Newton Junction, N. H.; James F. Lunnin and Polly E. Barnum, both of Atkinson, N. H. Married by Rev. W. W. Lyon, D.D., at Hampstead, N. H.

January 22, 1947. Richard E. Huntress of Plaistow, N. H., and Barbara L. Currier of Atkinson, N. H. Parents: Royal P. Huntress and Flossie J. Crosby, both of Plaistow, N. H.; Eugene E. Currier and Flora I. George, both of Atkinson, N. H. Married by Rev. W. W. Lyon, D.D., at Hampstead, N. H.

July 22, 1947. Arthur D. Stewart of Haverhill, Mass., and Barbara V. Whittaker of Atkinson, N. H. Parents: Alexander T. Stewart of Jacksonville, Florida and Loretta T. O'Sullivan of Colombia, South America; Alvin M. Whittaker and Vera G. Partridge, both of Atkinson, N. H. Married by Rev. W. W. Lyon, D.D., at Atkinson, N. H.

September 7, 1947. Kermit W. Ashford of Atkinson, N. H., and Orisstella H. White of Atkinson, N. H. Parents: George W. Ashford and Bernice K. Ricker, both of Atkinson, N. H.; George W. W. White and Lillian I. Buzzel, both of Atkinson, N. H. Married by Rev. W. W. Lyon, D.D., at Atkinson, N. H.

October 31, 1947. Burton C. Pettengill of Atkinson, N. H., and Evelyn T. Butler of Dorchester, Mass. Parents: John Pettengill and Nettie E. Nichols, both of Atkinson, N. H.; Arthur C. Trenholm and Bessie J. Trenholm, both of Somerville, Mass. Married by Charles A. Brooks, Justice of Peace at Hampstead, N. H.

Deaths

February 21, 1947. Charles E. Robertson, age 79 years, 7 months, 17 days, at Atkinson, N. H. Parents: Oliver Robertson and Sarah ———.

March 5, 1947. James F. Lunnin, age 58 years, 10 months, 18 days, at Haverhill, Mass. Parents: William T. Lunnin and Sarah E. Welch.

March 15, 1947. Frederick P. Wright, age 82 years, 10 months, 11 days, at Haverhill, Mass. Parents: George Wright and Margaret Hall.

April 19, 1947. Ernest F. Wright, age 53 years, 1 month, 28 days, at Haverhill, Mass. Parents: Frederick P. Wright and Mary A. Knight.

May 24, 1947. Marcia R. Reed, age 79 years, 11 months, at Atkinson, N. H. Parents: George E. Peacock and Lizzie J. ———.

May 23, 1947. Elizabeth F. Glines, age 68 years, 10 months, 22 days, at Haverhill, Mass. Parents: Nathaniel Nowell and Martha James.

June 4, 1947. Dorothea H. Rockwell, age 50 years, 2 months, 7 days, at Haverhill, Mass. Parents: Hand.

July 1, 1947. Fred St. John, age 28 years, 11 months, 8 days, at Atkinson, N. H. Parents: Arthur St. John and Evelyn ———.

July 1, 1947. Edine B. Richards, age 77 years, 6 months, 26 days, at Haverhill, Mass. Parents: Nathan Russell and Harriett Mason.

August 31, 1947. Gladys M. Lucy, age 45 years, 7 months, 7 days, at Ashland, Mass. Parents: James P. Lucy and Maude E. Speirs.

September 6, 1947. Baby Fuller, age 0 days. Stillborn. Parents: Jesse Fuller and Virginia A. Kohl.

October 12, 1947. Cora Morgan, age 63 years, 1 month, 27 days, at Brentwood, N. H. Parents: Robert W. Stevens and Agnes McKenzie.

October 17, 1947. Mattie E. Pattee, age 71 years, 11 months, 3 days, at Haverhill, Mass. Parents: Charles Babb and Abigail Welch.

November 19, 1947. Aberdeen W. Child, age 73 years, 1 month, 18 days, at Dorchester, Mass.

Respectfully submitted,

RUTH L. SAWYER,

Town Clerk.

FOREST FIRE PROBLEM SERIOUS

The year 1947 was one of the worst periods of drouth and forest fire occurrence in eastern United States history. Lack of water ruined crops, lowered water levels and dried up brooks everywhere. Three months of deficient rainfall and abnormally high temperatures resulted in many fires which were mostly well controlled and kept within bounds. Only the high winds beginning on October 23rd caused a few fires to escape beyond immediate control. These few fires resulted in burning some 15,000 acres and the loss of 63 or more buildings in four New Hampshire towns.

All October fires were costly. They burned deeply in the ground and required day and night patrol of large crews of men until the rains came late in October. Towns which escaped from serious fires might easily have been in the midst of the most serious conflagrations we had.

Governor Dale closed the woods effective at midnight of October 15th. With the blow-up of October 23rd, a second proclamation closed all back roads and authorized towns to inaugurate patrol. The effect of this was to cut down subsequent fires for the rest of the dry period.

Local fire warden forces performed an admirable job to hold the more than 200 fires that occurred during this October period. Many men were taxed to the utmost as the emergency continued. To them and all those who did their work, the people of New Hampshire owe a debt of gratitude. The state forest fire control agency based on local town wardens and town crews wherever adequately equipped rose to the occasion and met the test in whatever town their services were needed.

It is now time to take stock everywhere of our fire fighting facilities for the season ahead and to make them adequate where necessary. To this end town fire plans and training programs for wardens, deputies and other key men in each district are being arranged or in progress. If equipment and tools are insufficient properly to equip the available man power in each community with the right tools for the job, they should be provided for at once. The yearly addition of fire tools to the town supply will generally need to be built up. The state sells tools to the towns and shares one-half their cost. Good equipment is important and can help greatly to keep both damage and fire costs at a minimum.

For many years we have requested our wardens not to issue burning permits except on rainy days. This regulation will be in effect again this year as it is one of the best means of assuring such fires from getting out of control. Nine out of every ten fires can be prevented, 98 percent of all fires being due to human carelessness. Be sure to get a permit for any fire in or near woodland when the ground is free from snow. Be sure your fires are always out before you leave them. Help us in getting the travelling public to keep from throwing out lighted matches or cigarettes. Be careful of all fires in or near woodland.

MERTON A. WEBBER, District Chief.

1947 FIRE RECORD

Number of Fires	3
Acreage Burned	1,575